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ticular in my line of business. Give me a trial
and be convinced. 25aam

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kinds of buildings. Estimates cheerfully fur-
nished. 5jan.

A beautiful island in a lake apart from
all troubles, and the island was cov-
ered with fruit trees and blossoms, and
they were very happy. But one day
there flew thither a wild goose in great
trepidation, with fluttering wings and
wild cries, to which the two birds bade
kindly welcome and asked the cause of
its flight.

"Ah," whispered the goose, "I am
still sick with terror. I have seen a
man, an In-Adam! Allah deliver us
all from the In-Adam!"

"Calm thyself," the peahen said. "Be
In-Adam ever so terrible he cannot
disturb us here, protected as we are by
the water."

"Most beautiful lady," the goose re-
sponded, "you do not know In-Adam.
He can make the fish come to him out
of the sea and the hawks and eagles
fall down from the air. Feeble, con-
temptible, ugly as he is, he can tame
the huge elephant himself to do his
big white tusks away to make cups
and ornaments. But I will tell you
what I have seen and why I dread the
In-Adam."

"I was sitting on the bank of the river
I had seen of a man, not daring to stop
for food or drink, when I saw at the
entrance of a cavern a young lion with
a red mane, of lordly demeanor, who
also observed me and bade me ap-
proach, adding by way of greeting, 'O
lion, I said, 'I am a wild goose, of the
race of birds.' 'Why dost thou tremble
so, wild goose?' he inquired. Then I re-
lated how I had dreamed of
or seen a living man, and he asked
when he replied: 'I also have dream-
ed about the thing you call In-Adam,
and have heard my father say that it is
a creature to be distrusted. But I have
not seen one and have no fear of it.'

"Then I spoke: 'Oh, eldest son of the
sultan of all animals, what glory to
hear if thou couldst rid the earth of the
thine of him! How would all crea-
tures of the earth and air and water
praise and thank thy valor!' Thus did
I encourage and flatter the young lion
until he had resolved to go forth with
me to find and slay this common
enemy."

"So the young lion paced forth from
his cave, fiercely lashing his back with
his tail, I following behind. We had
not gone far in company before we saw
clouds of dust in the thick, which
drifting away disclosed to us an as-
saulting and bridled rider on the
sand from side to side, his four feet in
the air."

"At sight of this young lion was
somewhat astonished, since he had
wandered little outside his cavern and
had never met any of the creatures of
the ass to him and said, 'Thou
senseless object, what art thou and
why dost thou in so foolish a manner
lout and bray?' The beast replied, 'No
matter, I am thy slave, an ass, and
have done better to escape In-Adam, the
man, my master.' The young lion
said with a laugh, 'Thou art long back-
ed and lusty, why shouldst thou fear
that feeble thing, a man? Spake the
donkey, gravely shaking his head, and
said, 'Thou art long back-ed and lusty,
'Prince of the forest, it is clear thou
knowest not this creature. I do not
fear that he will kill me, but he does
much worse to me than that. While I
am young and strong he makes me
my back aching like a pack saddle,
fastens round by belly a tight girth,
puts an iron ring under my tail the
place of which I forget, though it galls
me horribly, and buckles in my mouth
the contrivance of steel which makes my
tongue bleed and is called a bit. Then
he jumps on me and to make me go
faster beats me behind and before, and
if fatigued I slacken my pace he rains
upon me the sticks and whips and be-
gins to get to work full gloriously, though
this was just what he wanted and for
which he had in truth come."

"Right carefully did the carpenter
take the measure of the lion in length
and breadth, and in height, and soon he
had erected on the sand a solidly built
box with a narrow entrance. He had
so driven the nails that the sharp
points all came through inside, and he
had left a few small holes for draft air,
which being finished he respectfully in-
vited the lion to go in. The lion ob-
jected that the door was too low. Quoth
the carpenter: 'Bend down thy princely
back, O sovereign monarch, and so for-
ward.' Once inside my lion will find
room enough." On this the lion crouched
and wriggled his body within the
construction, leaving his tail outside,
and afterward he slowly crawled in and
up and stuffed his head and neck out
him, afterward hastily closing the door
with a plank and nailing it down.

"Thereupon the hapless lion tried to
burst the walls, but the sharp points
of the nails pierced his skin in a hun-
dred places, so that he became covered
with blood and mad with pain and
roared forth, 'Wretch of a carpenter,
what kind of a house hast thou made
for me! I have never known a house
so narrow and so low, and thou art
proud!' The man with a voice of
triumph replied: 'It is In-Adam's
house, and those are the nail points of
In-Adam! Dog of the desert, thou
shalt be killed by the power of In-Adam,
feeble and ugly as he is, he will get
the better of thy ferocious force and
lordly greatness.'"

"Uttering these terrible words, the
lion kindled a torch, swept the
claps up and roared the box and set
it on fire. And thus I, the goose,
speechless with surprise and conster-
nation, beheld my noble companion
consumed alive and dying the most
dreadful death, while In-Adam, the
man, went off laughing to himself with
his basket of tools."—London Tele-
graph.

Her Gracelessness.
She was one of those dear, sweet,
simple, confiding souls—the sort of wo-
man you like once for what she is and
forget her faults. She was a good, kind,
and true friend, and she came into
your life where I was. A girl of the
fluffy type was with her. The sweet
soul tripped up to the proprietor of the
candy store and in the most appealing
voice asked if she might be permitted
to look at the city directory. Of course,
the druggist laid it before her with
a flourish. She thanked him effu-
sively, and then she and the fluffy
girl went off to look at the directory.
The fluffy girl was a good, kind, and
true friend, and she came into your
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tripped up to the proprietor of the candy
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meant to do it. Back she stepped to
the counter and beamed graciously on
the proprietor behind it.

"I'd like five cent stamps, please,"
she said.—Washington Star.

His Auburn Hairdressed.
"When I was a youth, I always ad-
mired red haired girls," said an ex-
lax captain. "Blonds and brunettes,"
he continued, "weren't in it with the
aunt's hairdresses. One day, how-
ever, I changed my mind, and this is
how it happened: A party of us went
fishing below Bay City. Among the
party was a redheaded girl, who was
a cousin of my host. We anchored to
slight catch and were having a jolly
time when along came the stern wheel
steamer White Star. The wake waves
upset us, and down we went. I'll never
forget my ideal when she came to the
surface. Those lovely bangs and red
hair were plastered on her face like
paper on the wall, and my ideal came
to naught. Indigo blue suits were then
the style, and I had one on. You should
have seen the color contrast. I was a
liberty I take, but monsieur has known
the child quite small, and—"

"Not another word," I cry. "Of
course I will come." And, murmuring
that "confound him (the French)
tongue is rich in these delightful ec-
centricities, for I had been quite polite,
M. Pipet made his way down to his
comfortable lodge again."

Wednesday came. At 10 o'clock in
the morning I was fully attired in all
the glories of evening dress, my but-
tonhole carefully widened to receive
the sprig of orange blossom which—
with a kiss on each cheek—I should
purposely claim from the fair Helene
in return for my wishes for her hap-
piness and the little gold wire bracelet
with a turquoise heart which I had
sent down to her that morning.

I looked out of the window, and
when I saw that the carriages were
there I trotted down stairs and was re-
ceived in great state by M. Pipet and
his wife.

I fairly gasped. The everyday cos-
tume of the Pipet family may be
most politely described as disheveled.
During the long years I have lived in
the house I never remember to have
seen Father Pipet in anything else but
shirt sleeves. M. P.'s button form
confined in corsets, but to today, ye
gods!

Ladies first. Lend me your aid, ye
writers for the ladies' page.

Yare, yare, yare, yare, yare, yare, yare,
black satin enveloped M. Pipet, and
on her ample bosom burned a
buckle of ruby colored velvet. Large
gold earrings adorned her ears, and
on her hands shone diamonds. I did not
describe her, for I was too much
shocked to attempt it. I should not
have said that she was so beautiful, for
I should not hope to do it justice.

"Forward!" cried Father Pipet.
"Monsieur the mayor will be waiting,"
said M. Pipet, and he led me to the
making way for one another we entered
the glass coaches in waiting. They
were real glass coaches, mind you,
cushioned with fawn colored cushions,
and with many jokes and much pleas-
ure we drove to the pumpkin court of
Cinderella.

At the Mairie not only monsieur the
mayor but friends were waiting.
He was in the hall, and he followed the
newly married couple to the Bois (there
was no religious ceremony) our seven
glass coaches were supplemented by
four tapissieres—large black wagon-
ettes gaily decorated with white satin
fringe.

And so to the restaurant. The jokes
on the way were much as other wed-
ding party jokes, and the breakfast
was much as other wedding breakfasts.
The guests were not so numerous as
I had expected, but the speech and kiss
a pretty bridesmaid in mistake for the
bride. Father Pipet got rather drunk
and pulled the tablecloth into so many
imaginary corners that several glasses
suffered badly, and M. Pipet melted
into tears, although her pretty
daughter was not to go away any far-
ther than just next door.

Then, after the bill was paid, came
the real part of the day—the divi-
sion of the bridal bouquet and the
hymeneal. The bridal bouquet and
the kisses were given (Helene is es-
pecially nice to kiss), and all of us climb-
ed into the carriages and wagonettes
again.

For a Parisian honeymoon, when the
hymeneal is of the middle class, is
made in company and consists of a
drive all around the Bois de Boulogne
and back in the summer in the green
glades around.

What fun it was, and how the people
cheered us as we went! And in the
evening, after a dinner that I shudder
even now to think of, we drove all
round the town, depositing guests at
we went, and finally a lonely Mr. and
Mrs. Pipet and I, dropped Helene
and her husband at the electric
station next door to bed.—Paris Cor-
respondent.

Testing Rifle Barrels.
A rifle barrel held in a vise will not
shoot accurately. The passage of
bullet through the bore expands the
barrel, which is to a certain degree
elastic. The expansion and return to
normal state is in undulating curves.
The pressure of the vise interrupts the
curves, chokes the barrel at the point
of pressure and probably deforms the
bullet in its cross section. To test a
rifle rest the barrel near the muzzle
upon a bag filled with sand. The spring
of the barrel from the rest will cause it
to shoot one point higher than when
held offhand, an error that all riflemen
understand.

Your correspondent who advises the
best is a riflemen.—Allen Kelly in
New York Sun.

Manner Cure For Drink.
Jeremiah O'Leary of the East Surrey
regiment was shot during the battle of
Colenso, a Mauser bullet penetrating the
brain. After lying for five hours in the
trenches O'Leary was found by the
ambulance corps and removed to the
base hospital at Pietermaritzburg, where
Sir William MacCormac by a
marvelous surgical operation, during
which a portion of the brain was re-
moved, succeeded in saving his life.
His memory is slightly impaired, and
he has lost his taste for beer.—London
Chronicle.

The Kind of Her.
May-Ted the girls were all crazy to
know whether you were engaged.
Marion—but you didn't tell them, did
you?
May—Oh, no! said that when the
time came you wanted to announce it
yourself.—Detroit Free Press.

THE RUSSIAN CABMAN
HE MAKES A SINGLE VEHICLE DO
WORK FOR TWO DRIVERS.

A sort of "Box and Cox" Game Which
He Plays With His Partner Enables
Him to Save the Cost of Lodgings
and Stable.

The cab driver of Russian towns dif-
fers from the cab driver of London,
although in the matter of having a
ready answer which does not turn
away with wrath for both friend and
foe he seems to be closely related.
There are no large cab owners and if
you see a cab in the street it is a
small one, and the driver is a Russian
or St. Petersburg, and almost ev-
ery driver owns or has at least a share
in the lot he drives. Although at first
glance it seems to be a very simple
business, the Russian cabman is a
village industry, yet in Russia it is
considered as such. The "svoshchik,"
as the fymen are called, are nearly al-
ways members of far distant village
communities, and the whole of the
part of the year at town work, who
remitt the greater portion of their
earnings to their native place, and
themselves return to it when agricul-
tural work is doing in a premium
and when city work or health gives out.

This connection between farmer and
cabman, and the fact that the village
cabman is a member of a peasant
family, whose males outnumber
the females, so that some of the for-
eigners who have been to the city, and
when they return to the village, they
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THE United States battleship Oregon struck a rock on the coast of China last Thursday, and sprung a leak. Doubt has been expressed as to whether the great vessel can be recovered.

SOME politics in Montgomery will be besizing hot—as hot as politics can be, regardless of the weather, by and by. When Chairman Solly and his field glass go up into the dome of the court house he will be cute enough to instruct his man Friday to bring up the rear with a supply of iced lemonade without sticks; also fans and an umbrella.

THE Legislative Committee of the Pennsylvania State Grange has issued a circular to the Patrons and Farmers of Pennsylvania which contains statements antagonistic to Governor Stone and State officials who, it is claimed, have not enforced the laws for the benefit of the agricultural classes. The circular, by resolution, advises farmers to unite in support of fusion members of the Senate and House of Representatives.

In round numbers, the government has appropriated for the present fiscal year \$115,000,000 for the army, \$7,700,000 for fortifications, \$6,530,000 for the Military Academy; \$63,000,000 for the navy, \$9,000,000 for urgent deficiency, war, navy, etc., \$1,500,000 additional urgency for navy, etc., altogether a sum exceeding \$200,000,000. With the pension bill of \$145,000,000 a year, and the millions of interest on war expenditures, the total comes to nearly a million dollars a day for every day of the year. Something to think about.

ALL good citizens will devoutly hope that the glorious Fourth-of-July demonstrations and cogitations of the last year of the 19th century will in effect stimulate the vigorous growth of the patriotism which inspires increasing respect for and adherence to the basic principles of government as enunciated by our forefathers in their Declaration of Independence in 1776. Their Declaration, proved by the severe test of experience and not found wanting, should be our Declaration both in profession and deed.

At this writing some of the representative Democrats of the United States are gathering at Kansas City to nominate candidates for President and Vice President. William Jennings Bryan will have no opposition for first place, while no one upon the grounds is in a position to name in advance the successful competitor for the tail end of the ticket. The indications are that Mr. Bryan will have incorporated in the platform a reiteration of that part of the Chicago platform having relation to the free coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1. Such a declaration will be likely to effectually break Mr. Bryan's neck, politically.

A MOST distressing and heartrending calamity followed the outbreak of fire on the pier of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, New York city, Saturday. Several great ships engulfed in a sea of fire, drifted helplessly down the river, carrying hundreds of shrieking victims with them. Pinned between the raging flames on one side and the waters of the river on the other, the imprisoned wretches had no escape from an awful death. The situation was an appalling one and too dreadful to dwell upon. Hundreds of willing hands stood ready to help the doomed ones, but it was a feat beyond physical possibility, and one by one the suffering and helpless prisoners succumbed. The extent of the loss of life will probably never be known. The property loss can simply be approximated at this time, although a conservative estimate places the entire damage at a trifle less than \$10,000,000.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 29, 1900.—Uncle Sam has taken up a new war banner. Not because he wanted to but because there was nothing else for him to do. Americans and American commerce in China had to be protected, and as for the time the interests of all foreigners in China are the same, the burden of the war will be shared with the other civilized nations. Besides the U. S. naval forces, a brigade of regular troops will be sent from the Philippines to China—a portion of the brigade will be on Chinese soil before this is in print. Gen. Chaffee, who will command the U. S. force in China, like all other officers who have risen from the ranks, has a fighting record. He will sail from San Francisco, on the transport Grant, July 1, and with him will go the 6th cavalry regiment. Under the most favorable conditions it will require about four weeks for him to get to Taku, at which port he will land. It is possible, of course that peace may be restored before then, but the War Department is taking no chances on that. Supplies, including winter clothing for the troops, for a campaign of months are being forwarded as rapidly as possible, mostly from Manila.

The news of the safety of the foreigners who were so persistently reported to have been murdered in Pekin, caused the President to say, before leaving Washington for a month's stay at his old home in Canton, Ohio, that he believed the worst of the Chinese trouble was over. A gentleman who heard him, said that he agreed with him, provided the Europeans did not deliberately take steps to intentionally keep up the trouble, for purposes of their own.

If many Congressmen have not undergone a radical change of mind since the spirited debate which resulted in ordering the time clocks taken out of the Treasury Department, soon after they were put in,

several years ago, they will have something to say to the managing officials of the Post Office Department very soon after Congress re-assembles. During that debate the time clocks were denounced as humiliating, degrading and disgraceful to the employees of the Treasury. Somebody was determined to sell a lot of these time clocks to the government. So when they were abandoned, by order of Congress, by the Treasury Department, the Post Office Department was turned to. And with such success that to-day every free delivery post-office, about 800 in all, has one of these clocks, for which the department paid \$125, not to mention 50 cents a piece for keys and other extra stuff needed to keep the complicated mechanism of these clocks going. Why a system indignantly condemned when applied to Treasury employees, should be adopted for postoffice employees, is one of the questions these Congressmen will be likely to ask.

U. S. Consul Stowe, at Cape Town, South Africa, has appealed to the Department of State to try to stop the practice of young Americans shipping for South Africa on British ships carrying mules and horses, with no idea of what they will do after they get there further than that it is a part of the U. S. Consul's business to take care of stranded Americans, and to help them get back home. In his report Consul Stowe says: "I pity and sympathize with these boys when they file into this office. I help them from my pocket more than I can afford to and I obtain work for them, but my time is of more value to the government than other lines of work. The war, with its added work, is enough without adding unnecessary work consequent upon the desire of young Americans to see the world. It ought to be made plain to the young men that the U. S. government has no fund to use for their care abroad and that the consul cannot afford to support them and send them home, even with the assurance that money

will be sent him in the slow process of mail."

A prominent patent lawyer thus tells how one shrewd New England manufacturer keeps ahead of competitors: "I have one friend in Massachusetts who is a manufacturer of machinery. He has numerous competitors in his trade, but he manages to keep ahead of them in a unique manner. He is continually adding improvements, the product of inventors, to his machinery. He sells his goods at exactly the same price as do his competitors, but he throws in free the improvements; covered by patents, which he pays for. His profits may be small, to be sure, but his trade is large, and in the long run he not only makes a large amount of money but keeps ahead of all his rivals in the trade."

Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow, who was sent to Cuba to take charge of the official investigation of the postal system, has returned to Washington. He declines to talk for publication further than to say that the full extent of the stealing is now known and the evidence to convict the thieves secured and that the Cuban postal system is now in good condition.

SOME DANGERS WHICH CONFRONT THE UNITED STATES.

BY DAVID STARR JORDAN, PRESIDENT OF THE LELAND STANFORD UNIVERSITY IN PHILADELPHIA TIMES.

There are four enemies to the growth and development of a democracy—four enemies that have ever stood in the path of man. These are aristocracy, militarism, slavery and imperialism. There are various other enemies, but those are the four arch enemies in the political sense. They all spring out of the idea that man belongs not to himself, but that he belongs, body and soul, to the country that owns him, and that the country itself is the administration of that country's affairs. These four enemies in a dangerous garb confront the United States today.

Schiller says that the tyrants reach hands to each other—that they reach to each other the hands. They stand together now. These four stand together, will stand together. Wherever there is one the other is, Aristocracy, slavery, militarism and imperialism. They reach each other's hand.

They all have their fair attractive side. They are defended sometimes at the fireside. Slavery was discussed and defended from many a pulpit in New England. Aristocracy has its fair side. You can find it pictured and what it is in many British novels.

The foundation of quality is aristocracy, the foundation of our own liberty is rebellion against it—the very thing that we came here for.

There is a fair side of slavery and a fair side of militarism. How clean the streets can be kept under military discipline and how free from noise; How easily people can be sent to bed at dark if it be desired, how easily cow-fighting can be suppressed.

There is a fair side of imperialism. You will find that in many places nine-tenths of the people believe it is a good thing for the world. Maybe it is, but when we come to read history from the one side to the other we will find that the British people have been debauched by their course in India and that the Hindus have been cursed; you will find that the English people have been turned from being a strong freedom-loving people. You will find also that the heart's blood has gone out of Great Britain as it has gone out of all countries where they have indulged in these constant wars.

We know how Napoleon depopulated France by his wars. We know of the murders of the nobility, the murders of the peasantry and the result in the France of to-day. In 1630, when the Philippine question was a burning one in Spain, La Punte, an Augustinian friar, expressed his opinion of the whole thing when he said, "Against the gain of redeemed souls I place the cost in the loss of armadas and of soldiers and of friars sent to the Philippines, and these I count the chief loss, that while mines give silver and forests give lumber, only Spain gives Spaniards, and she shall give so many of them that some day she shall be left childless and forced to bring up strangers' children instead of her own."

Do we think that we fought against Spain? Spain died long ago. Spain is only a shell.

Another Spanish writer followed in these sublime and terrible words: "This is Castile. She makes men and wastes them."

This heresy of imperialism is the most dangerous that has arisen since the heresy of secession, and it must be fought as vigorously as the heresy of secession. If we admit as citizens any number of millions of people that are not ready for liberty, if we admit them with all the degradation which they must bring into our politics, we must take the consequences.

It is better that we should be just and faithful to our own principle and to the principles of God and that we should in our laws be no respecters of persons, because if in our laws we are respecters of persons we must go the way of the empire, as all empires have gone.

Our danger is illustrated already in Porto Rico. The tariff discussion in Porto Rico violently agitated the American people because they instinctively felt it was simply the introduction of the thin edge of the wedge of imperialism, the beginning

of the contest between the American government and the American people. It is the introduction of the principle that Congress, which is a creature of the Constitution, and the President, who is a creature of the Constitution, have certain powers that have been delegated by the people that are not given by the Constitution, powers claimed to come just as the powers of all despots come, from the hands of Providence.

The best way in which the growth of any man or nation has ever been promoted has been through self-government, democratically looking after its own affairs. We do not expect that self-government will always be good government. It would be unfortunate if it were, because men learn not by their success, but by mistakes. Self-government will be good government after a long time. But it is not always as good a government on the surface as it might be in a despotism.

It has been said our treatment of Porto Rico was odious. Our treatment is but the treatment of any colony, and what the treatment of any colony must be that is dependent upon other men for its government. Our treatment of Alaska has been a shame from beginning to end. It must be, and always will be to the end. Our treatment of Cuba, good as it seems in some respects, has been a shame, and before we get through with it we shall see. Remember, it is not yet ended.

Our treatment of the Philippines is unspeakable. Our treatment of the Indians has not been a century of honor. As soon as the voice of the Indian is heard, as soon as he has a vote, then we have an entirely different attitude.

It must be so under a republic. It is absolutely impossible for any republic to conduct any affairs well except its own affairs.

A Bride At 98 Years.

WATERLOO, N. Y., June 29.—At the age of 98 Mrs. Samuel Decker is a bride. If there is an older bride in the world the news will be a great disappointment to her, for she is proud of her distinction. Like many other ladies of mature years, she allowed the tender sentiment to be awakened by a man young enough to be her son. The bridegroom is a stripling of 75.

"I couldn't bear to marry an old man," said Mrs. Decker. "They say a woman is as old as she looks and a man is as young as he feels. Well, Samuel says I don't look a day over 80. Maybe that's just lovers' talk. He won me over that way when we began sparring. And he said he felt every bit of 85, what with the rheumatiz and the asthma. So that makes our ages just right, don't it?"

NATURAL BRIDGE FOR SALE.

THE FAMOUS VIRGINIA FEATURE IS A SOURCE OF INCOME.

The Natural Bridge in Rockbridge county, Va., one of the grandest of nature's products is for sale. This course was decided upon a few days ago by the heirs of Colonel Parsons, the former owner of the bridge and surroundings, says the New York Journal.

The estate is now looked after for the heirs by an attorney in Washington, D. C., who recently turned the place over to a real estate dealer, to have it sold at once, if a reasonable figure could be obtained for it. The history of the Natural Bridge dates back to the time of King George III., of England, who, it is said, presented the place to Thomas Jefferson. It was held by the heirs of Jefferson for many years after the death of that great statesman.

Thousands of visitors viewed the great spectacle each year, without the payment of any tolls, but when it passed into the hands of Colonel Parsons, he turned the structure into a business enterprise and encouraged tourists to visit the section.

At the bridge they were taken in charge by interesting guides and for a reasonable sum were piloted around the great arch and given the history and all incidents appertaining to it. This enterprise from the start proved to be a great financial success, and the revenues at the present time from this source amount to \$10,000 annually.

There is no other natural formation of its class in the United States approaching its grandeur. It is 215 feet high (55 feet higher than Niagara Falls), 55 feet thick, 93 feet in length, with a thickness of 40 feet at the crown of the arch.

This stupendous arch is formed of solid limestone rock, covered to a depth of 4 feet 6 inches by alluvial and clayey earth. It is based on rocks of the same material. The bridge is guarded by a parapet of rocks, interspersed with trees and shrubbery, and one may pass over the structure without noticing its grandeur, if attention is not called to it.

Cotton Trade Schools In The South.

The progress which the South has been making in cotton manufacturing augurs well for the future prosperity and advancement of the Southern section. While there were 7,169,000 cotton spindles in Massachusetts at the beginning of 1895, there was no State south of Mason and Dixon's line with a million. Now there are two, North and South Carolina; with over that number, thus exceeding all the New England States excepting Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Hampshire. The value of the cotton goods manufactured in the eight Southern States in 1890 was \$16,173,222, and in 1890 the returns showed a value of cotton manufactures reaching \$40,165,074.

or a gain of nearly 250 per cent. This splendid growth is bringing the South into prominence through the enhancement thus given to national American industries. Its progress is also bringing it into closer relation and a clearer understanding of the development of the manufacturing interests which comprise so large a portion of the life and prosperity of the nation. Furthermore, this grasp of conditions is shown by the growing realization in the South of the need of trained craftsmen and educated workmen to conduct its colossal manufacturing interests.

Seedless Oranges.

Twenty-five years ago there were no seedless, or navel oranges grown. A few oranges were raised in Florida, but the bulk of the supply came from the Mediterranean, and the fruit was expensive. The annual yield of California oranges was less than five car-loads. Now the annual orange yield in California is upward of 15,000 carloads, and the total amount invested is now something like \$43,000,000, while twenty-five years ago it was only \$23,000. The introduction of the seedless, or navel orange has caused these changes. It has revolutionized the orange industry of the United States, drawing 13,000 men out of other pursuits and has transformed vast areas of sun-baked land in California into beautiful orange groves.

Nursing Mothers
dread hot weather. They know how it weakens and how this affects the baby. All such mothers need Scott's Emulsion. It gives them strength and makes the baby's food richer and more abundant.
See and Buy All druggists.

SAVE YOUR COWS



SAVE YOUR COWS from losing their calves and from barrenness by using the old and reliable cow medicine—

Kow Kure,

FOR COWS ONLY.

Thousands of Penna. farmers find it a grand success. It cures scours in cows and calves, removes lumps in the bag and changes a losing cow into a paying one.

FOR SALE BY

W. P. FENTON,

—DEALER IN—

DRY GOODS

Groceries,

Hardware, Oils, Paints, Glass, &c

AGENT FOR Demarest Sewing Machines, \$19.50; Western Washing Machines, \$3.00 and \$3.50; Atlas Ready Mixed Paints, John Lucas Ready Mixed Paints, and Zenith Ready Mixed Paints.

W. P. FENTON,

COLLEGEVILLE, PA.

Watches.

If there is a question in your mind as to whether you can own a fine piece at a comparatively low price, let me show you my stock of Watches. Every one is made by a manufacturer of world-wide reputation and whose name alone stands for precision and time keeping accuracy. In addition I have myself tested every movement. They are watches that I can guarantee. The prices are the lowest that have ever been made in Norristown on Watches of equal value. Call and inspect them.

J. D. Sallade,

JEWELER AND OPTICIAN.

16 East Main St., NORRISTOWN, PA.

Our Goods

Must give good, honest service, or we don't want your money.

The Great Variety

That we have to show in the very latest styles is an advantage; if your foot is hard to fit, we are sure to have one that is right for it.

Oxford Shoes for Women

from \$1.00 to \$2.00.

MEN'S - OXFORDS, Russel and Black, and Patent Leather. Men's Russel Shoes, \$1.50 to \$3.50.

H. L. NYCE,

6 E. Main Street, NORRISTOWN, PA.

Important Sales

— AT —

BARRETT'S STORE

Embroideries in all widths and prices. You should see the edgings and insertings, from 5c. up. They can't be beat.

Underwear for Summer with long or short sleeves, and no sleeves at all, from 10c. up, for ladies and children. Also Gauze Underwear for Men and Boys, long or short sleeves, for 25 and 50c.

Infants' Caps,

Muslin Underwear,

New Silk Undershirts.

Ready-made Wrappers,

50 cents, up.

Sun Bonnets.

New Short Waists, from

50 cents up to \$2.00.

Some of last year's Shirt Waists at just half price. Among them are some of the ROYAL SHIRT WAISTS.

New Shirts for Men; soft bosom.

New Ties,

Collars,

Belts.

Lot of NEW GOODS to select from at

Mrs. Frances Barrett's,

MAIN STREET,

COLLEGEVILLE.

THE BIG STORE

Why are we like charity? The answer is easy. Charity never falleth, neither do we. We never fail to do what we promise, you can depend upon us.

Water Coolers.

The warm weather necessitates the purchase of one of those coolers. We can fit you out at a moderate cost. Our prices range from \$1.25 up to \$6.00.

Ice Cream Freezers.

Why don't you save money and make your own ice cream? You could have it often, too. Very little work. We sell the best makes of freezers. The Zero and the Peerless. Our prices are hard to beat, 3, 4, 6, and 8 quarts at \$2.31, \$2.08, \$1.74, \$1.70, and \$1.48.

New, crisp, reliable goods, at cheap, honest, desirable prices.

H. E. Elston,

HARDWARE, CARPETS, OIL CLOTHS,

TOYS, ETC.,

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Rock Bottom Prices

Just Received a New Line of Lawns, Percales, Dimities, Organdies, Ginghams, and Wash Materials for Spring and Summer Wear. Embroideries, Laces, Allovers, Ribbons,

Muslins—The 5-4 Tubing for Pillows, is just the thing, 5-4 and 10-4 Brown and Blue for sheeting.

Table Linens and Towelings, a good Toweling, 4c. per yard.

Ladies' and Gents' Summer Underwear, from 5c. to 50c.

Latest in Men's Neckwear, Collars, Shirts and Hosiery.

See our line of MEN'S RUSSET SHOES at \$1.50 and \$2.00; good Values.

New stock of LADIES' TAN and BLACK SHOES, lace and button.

Men's Hand-made for every day wear, for Men and Boys.

Men's Pantalons, from 75c. to \$2.50 per pair.

All Widths of Poultry Netting, 1, 1½ and 9 inch mesh.

Paints, Oils, Glass, and Building Hardware. A No. 1 Paint at 80c. per gallon.

Wall Paper, latest patterns, large assortment, prices right.

Our Grocery Department is complete with good, clean, fresh stock. Will meet all competition, quality considered. Do not be misled by an inferior lot of goods that SOUND CHEAP. We prefer not to handle such goods, believing we can best serve the public by giving them good, clean, fresh stock at a reasonable profit. Call and learn prices.

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JUST ARRIVED

— AT THE —

SHOE STORE

A Lot of Women's Tan and

Black Vel Kid Oxford Ties,

With the Latest Style Cuban Military Heel and English

Back Stay—

\$2.00 Values for \$1.50

Also a few Odd Sizes for \$1.25.

A. W. LOUX, : : : Proprietor.

Down Goes the Price

To encourage you to visit us often, we cut the price of Underwear and many other goods for your special advantage. These goods are first-class and worth more money. We bought heavy and must reduce our stock. Therefore,

THESE LOW PRICES:

25 dozen Men's 25c. Underwear, to go at 17c.
25 dozen Men's 50c. Underwear, Gray and Black, 37c.
5 dozen Men's \$2.50 Stylish Pants, \$1.85.

NEW CRASH AND LINEN GOODS.

Crash Hats and Caps, 15c. to 30c.
Crash Pants and Coats, 75c. to \$1.50.
Men's Suits, \$1.50 to \$2.50.
Boys' Wash Pants, 35c. to \$1.50.

Men's and Boys' Suits at Reduced Prices. Don't forget our excellent values in Boys' Wool Suits, from \$1.85 to \$4.50.

Men's Fine Wool and Worsted Suits, \$5.00 to \$12.00. Still selling 75c. Madras Shirts for 50c.

ABOUT STRAW HATS. We have a whole room full, all the latest styles, at lowest prices, from 7c. to \$1.50.

The largest store in town. Call and see us.

I. P. WILLIAMS,

Leading Men's Furnisher,

221 Main Street, ROYERSFORD.

THRONGS OF Thrifty People

will visit Brendlinger's this week. The collection of bargains outruns all former offerings in Shirt Waists, White Duck Skirts and Crash Skirts, and in the sale of Muslin Underwear.

Stylish Shirt Waists that were 75 and 87 cents, now 49 cents. Laggard buyers won't get the pick.

Even the Royal Waists partake of this special reduction. Royals which were \$1.25 are put at a level price of \$1.00.

"Such Qualities at such Prices are amazing." That's the common remark of shoppers competent to express opinions as judges of materials, workmanship and cost. Buying a manufacturer's stock enables these low prices.

\$1.00 Crash Skirts
HERE AT
49 CENTS.
This crash is intended for frequent and hard laundering.

Pure White Duck Skirts.
Generally sold at 75 cents. One-third off here in price—to go at
50 CENTS.

THE MUSLIN UNDERWEAR SALE CONTINUES

Children's and Ladies' Underwear at 10, 15, 25 and 50 cents includes best made garments at prices to keep home sewing out of sight.

I. H. BRENDLINGER'S Estate

50 and 52 Main St.
213 and 215 DeKalb St.
NORRISTOWN, PA.

GEO. F. CLAMER,

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— AND —

HOUSE FURNISHING

GOODS

Electrical and Bicycle Supplies.

Plumbing, Steam and Gas Fitting a Specialty.

Agent for the Following Well-Known Makes of Bicycles:

Cleveland, Light and Leroy Bicycles, from \$22.00 up.

Get a Coaster Brake and Pedal only 35 cents out of every 50.

I am now prepared to put them on at short notice; will fit any wheel. Gas Lamps of the best makes. Oil Lamps from 50c. up. Hartford Tires from \$4.50 up. Bells, 50c. Cyclometers, 50c. Inner Tubes, 50c. And other sundries too numerous to mention. In fact everything to make wheeling a pleasure.

THE INDEPENDENT

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IN ADVANCE.

Thursday, July 5, 1900

John H. Bartman is authorized to collect amounts due The Independent, and receive the names of new subscribers.

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. James, Evansburg. Commencing with next Sunday, there will be an evening service at the Episcopal Church, Evansburg, at 7:30, in addition to the morning at 10:30. The Rev. A. J. Barrow has given up the Roversford place. St. Paul's Episcopal Protestant Episcopal Church Parish, Rev. B. J. Douglas, Rector. Services: Every Sunday afternoon at St. Paul's Church, Oaks Station, at 3:30 o'clock; also Sunday School at 9:30 o'clock in the annex adjoining. Sunday morning during June, July, August and September, services at Union Church near Audubon Village at 10:30 o'clock. Seats are free and a very cordial welcome is extended to all.

Lower Providence Presbyterian Church, Rev. C. R. Broadhead, pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Preaching, 10:30 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E., 7 p. m. Preaching, 7:30 p. m.

Lower Providence Baptist Church. Preaching services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Every Sunday, Rev. Wm. Courson, pastor. Bible school, 9:30 a. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7:30. Shannaville Mission, every second Sunday evening at 7:30. Bible school, Sundays, at 7:30 p. m.; prayer meeting, Tuesdays, at 7:30 p. m.; Rev. S. O. Perry, pastor.

Evansburg M. E. Church, Rev. D. C. Kauffmann, pastor. Prayer meeting this (Thursday) evening at the church. Sunday services: Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Preaching, 10:30 a. m. and 8 p. m., by the pastor.

St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Rev. S. L. Messinger, pastor. Services every Sunday as follows: Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Junior Endeavor prayer meeting at 2 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meeting at 6:45 p. m.

Trinity Church. Wednesday evening, prayer meeting at 8 o'clock. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. and preaching at 10 o'clock; the Junior C. E. prayer service at 1 p. m. and the Y. P. S. C. E. prayer service, Miss Sophie Casseberry, leader, at 7 o'clock.

Preaching in the Skippawille Church at 10 a. m. and in Ironbridge Chapel in the evening at 7:45 o'clock.

Home and Abroad.

—Next to Christmas

—The Fourth-of-July is the greatest holiday of the year!

—And the fourth day of the seventh month usually furnishes patriotism in a variety of forms.

—The Declaration of Independence will live as long as the Republic, and so long as the human race endures.

—Because some of its principles are eternal.

—We trust every reader of the Independent will carefully read David Starr Jordan's article on the editorial page.

—The coat factory went into successful operation Monday.

—Trinity Sunday School of this borough will picnic at Chestnut Hill Park on Thursday, July 19. Further announcement next week.

—C. D. Alderfer, of Philadelphia, was in town Sunday.

—The Bristol Gazette says: "Mules are not kicking this year."

—We fear Brother Thomas has been making his investigation in the right quarter to obtain reliable information.

—A Lansdale foundry has 10,000 stoves stored in its warehouse.

—Horace Fetterolf, of Ambler, visited relatives about town, Sunday.

—Mrs. J. S. McFarland, of Limerick, is visiting relatives and friends in the city of Reading.

—Miss Hallie Vandervelde, of Trenton, N. J., was in town Sunday.

—Another meeting of the Kinwood Driving Club will be held on Thursday, July 12.

—Horsesham township, Montgomery county, has spent \$50,000 in 22 years to maintain mud roads.

—Jesse M. Whitson, of West Grove, narrowly escaped choking to death by swallowing his false teeth.

—Frank H. Hobson, of this borough, has gone to Northfield, Mass., for ten days.

—Mrs. C. Fry and daughters are summering at Wolmesford, Berks county.

—Eleven dogs that had been bitten by a mad dog at Belfry Station, were killed.

—Frank Rambo, of Philadelphia, visited friends about town and in Trappe, last week.

—The visiting committee of the Women's Auxiliary for Charity Hospital during the month of July are Mrs. Frank M. Hobson and Miss Jessie Roberts.

—"In order to find out why more men do not attend church a Jenkins town pastor has addressed a personal letter of inquiry to the leading men of the vicinity."

—Warrants were issued Friday by Census Supervisor Talbot for the arrest of a number of woodchoppers near Roversford, all Americans, who refused to answer the questions of enumerators.

Norristown Borough Bonds.

The Norristown borough bonds to the amount of \$160,000 were given to the Fidelity Trust Company at a three per cent. interest. The old bonds to the amount of \$100,000 have all been redeemed. Some of them bore interest at 3 1/2 per cent. and some at 4 per cent.

Camp Meeting Cottages Destroyed.

A fire at the Perkins camp meeting grounds Saturday morning entirely wiped out the cottages there, 32 in number. The fire started from the explosion of an oil stove in one of the cottages and spread with great rapidity. Only a few of the cottages were occupied.

Locomobile in Town.

Last Thursday the Philadelphia Inquirer's prize locomobile passed through this borough enroute for Pottstown. It attracted considerable attention.

Sold a Boy Liqueur.

Charles Oberly, of Linfield, had John Hartsman, of the same place, arrested on the charge of giving his thirteen-year-old boy liquor. Hartsman was compelled to pay a fine of \$7 with costs and give bonds in the sum of \$300 to keep the peace.

Death Due to a Fall.

On Sunday, while playing in his father's barn at Stonersville, upper Montgomery, Ammon W. Hertzog, son of Peter Hertzog, fell a distance of sixteen feet and fractured his skull. Death ensued Monday, the tenth anniversary of his birth.

Making Hay at 98.

David Wells, 98 years of age, of Kenilworth, Chester county, astonished his neighbors with a remarkable exhibition of endurance for a man of his years one day last week, when he threw off his coat and worked for several hours in the hay field with all the vigor of youth.

An Oak Tree Stripped.

During one of the heavy rains last week, when the electricity was quite strong, a large oak tree in Crawford Grove, in Lower Providence, was denuded of its bark for quite a space, from the trunk up. The trunk of the tree for several feet was entirely stripped as though done by an instrument.

A Great Speller.

Elizabeth Davis, a thirteen-year-old Norristown girl, is a great speller. In a recent contest at school Elizabeth spelled correctly every one of a thousand words. The list of words used is that required in the examination of New York and advanced spellers. Her spelling marks always range from 65 to 80 per cent.

Farmer's Team Engulfed.

The most remarkable accident in the history of the coal regions occurred Friday noon. Two horses and a plow were engulfed by a mine cave-in and the driver narrowly escaped a horrible death with the two animals. The accident occurred on the farm of Frank Ottisman, in Newport township, nine miles from Wilkesbarre.

Twice Burglarized.

Burglars again entered the hardware store of J. Irwin Ambler, at Lansdale, Pa., and this time made another successful haul. Several weeks ago the burglars had open the safe and secured a large amount of money. Friday night the safe was not touched, but the thieves picked out fully a hundred dollars' worth of the best grade of penknives, besides razors and revolvers.

Norristown Markets.

Saturday's quotations: Watermelons sold for 40 cents each; cucumbers, two for 5 cents; raspberries, 10 cents; blackberries, 12 cents; cantaloupes, 10 cents; currants, 5 cents; egg plants, 10 to 15 cents; peaches, 15 cents; quarts, 20 cents; half-peck and beans 30 cents; blackberries, two bunches for 25 cents; butter, 30 cents; eggs, 18 cents; chickens, 16 and 30 cents.

Alms House Affairs.

The Directors of the Poor held their regular monthly meeting at the alms house Thursday, when orders amounting to \$169.81 were granted. During the month the receipts at the alms house were \$343, while the expenditures amounted to \$51.62. Work upon the new hospital is progressing rapidly and the indications are that the new work will be completed by August 1. The masons have reached the second story.

Entertainment.

A very interesting entertainment, consisting of recitations, physical culture drills and music, will be given by Miss Jessie Royer and a number of her advanced pupils, assisted by vocalists from Philadelphia, in Bomberger Memorial Hall, this borough, on Saturday evening, July 14, at 8 o'clock. The object of the entertainment is to afford the public an opportunity to observe the results of the application of Miss Royer's methods in teaching elocution and physical culture. The entertainment will be well worth the price of admission; 25 and 10 cents.

The Summer Season at Perkiomen Bridge Hotel.

Numerous guests from Philadelphia, Norristown, and elsewhere, have recently been entertained at Perkiomen Bridge Hotel, and the cool shades and trips of pleasure on the banks of the river near the old bridge are the source of much delight and comfort. The napha launch, in charge of Walter Mester, is doing considerable service in affording passengers trips of pleasure on the Perkiomen. Proprietor Bower, of the hotel, strives to give his patrons the best service and will tolerate no questionable conduct on his premises.

A Good Time at a Meeting of Economy Lodge.

Saturday night Economy Lodge, of Evansburg, entertained visiting brethren from Norristown, Norristown. After a brief business session a collation was in order and the members and their lady friends invited the members to repair to the banquet hall and partake of the good things. The tables were laden with cold foods of various kinds, all fruits in season, and ice cream and cake. Speeches were made by the members of Economy, Norristown, Montgomery, and Norristown, Grand Conductor Grant R. McGlathery, D. D. G. M., H. G. Bolton and others. The visitors departed for home on the 11:15 trolley car.

Was It a Miracle?

"The marvelous cure of Mrs. Rena J. about Consumption has created intense excitement in Gamack, Ind.," writes Marion Stuart, a leading druggist of Muncie, Ind. She weighed 90 pounds when her doctor in Yorktown and she must soon die. Then she began to use Dr. King's New Discovery and gained 35 pounds. In weight and health she was completely cured. She has cured thousands of hopeless cases, and is positively guaranteed to cure all Throat, Chest and Lung diseases. 50c and \$1.00 bottles free at J. W. Culbert's drug store.

The Appetite of a Goat.

Is envied by all whose Stomach and Liver are out of order. But such should know that Dr. King's New Life Pills give a splendid appetite, sound digestion and a regular body habit that insure perfect health and great energy. Only 25c. at Joseph W. Culbert's drug store.

Lawn Social.

A lawn social will be held by the ladies of the Evansburg M. E. church, Saturday evening, July 14, on the farm of Lewis Beideman, near Fairview Village. Ice cream, cakes, candy, fruit, etc. will be on hand. Music will be furnished during the evening by the Centre Point band. Should the weather be rainy the festival will be postponed to Tuesday evening, July 17.

Eagle Hall, Ironbridge, Struck by Lightning.

During the thunderstorm Wednesday evening of last week, lightning struck the Eagle Hall and hotel stable at Ironbridge, splintering several feet of cornice, damaging the east wall of the lodge room, demolishing a window, shattering two sliding doors and a large portion on the ground floor of the building. The storm at Ironbridge, as well as throughout this section of the county, was very severe.

The Tenant Moved Out.

After a siege lasting nearly a month, Frank B. Reifsnider moved out of the roofless house on King street, Pottstown, Monday. Reifsnider moved his family from the building, which had become unfit for habitation. The recent rains caused the plaster to fall from the ceilings and walls and damaged Reifsnider's household goods. The health of Mrs. Reifsnider and her child was almost ruined through exposure. Reifsnider claims he will institute suit against his landlord.

Thirty-eight Received Diplomas.

Thirty-eight graduates of the Norristown High School received diplomas at Norristown Opera House, Friday afternoon. J. Aubrey Anderson was valedictorian. The subject of his essay was "America for Americans." Miss Blanche Bane, of Norristown, was salutatorian. Her subject was "Rudyard Kipling." Prizes were awarded as follows: Excellence in English, Miss Blanche Bane; excellence in drawing, Donald Royer, Willard Ortlip, Miss Norma Boicot, and Ralph Lanz.

Narrowly Escaped Drowning.

After being impaled on a picket fence on Saturday, Clarence, son of William Hipple, of Spring City, narrowly escaped drowning. The boy was on a tree picking cherries, when the branch on which he was standing broke and he fell on the fence. His back struck a picket, which penetrated the flesh several inches. Wriggling to free himself, he fell into a rain hoghead, and was so weak from loss of blood that he could not extricate himself. His cries brought assistance and he was rescued.

Teachers' Examination in Limerick.

County Superintendent R. F. Hoffecker held his teachers' examination at Missimer's school house on Thursday; June 28, with a class of 14. The following appointments were made for the coming term: Church School, Jennie Hallman; Limerick's, Samuel Ziegler; Fairview, Warren Yerger; Pottstown, Preston Markley; Medinger's, vacant; Fruitville, Irvin Sabold; Missimer's, Elsie Schlichter; Yerger's, vacant; St. Peter's, William Miller; Limerick, Primrose Hipple, Linfield Grammar, Susie Eppehimer; Fernwood, Bertha Schlichter; Barlow's, vacant.

Money Spent by the State for Condemned Cattle.

Dr. Leonard Pearson, the State veterinarian, under whose direction cattle afflicted with tuberculosis are killed, announces that the following sums were paid in the counties named for cattle killed to prevent the spread of tuberculosis during the year ending May 30th, 1900: Bradford, \$1242.50; Bucks, \$2663.50; Chester, \$4775.50; Dauphin, \$737; Erie, \$1412; Lancaster, \$1502.50; Montgomery, \$5737.50; Washington, \$1215. These are only the largest amounts paid in counties. The total for the State was \$33,997, and an appropriation is made every quarter for this purpose.

Movement to Free Another Turnpike.

A petition is being circulated in the vicinity, asking the court to appoint a master and jury of viewers to free the Perkiomen and Summerville turnpikes. The road extends from Collegeville to Greenlane, a distance of twelve miles, along the Perkiomen and through the townships of Upper Providence, Perkiomen, Frederick, and Marlborough, and a portion of Greenlane. The company was chartered February 14, 1845, with a capital of \$18,050. It did not, however, prove to be a paying proposition, and the stock of the last debt was paid. Stock sold recently for \$65 a share, the par value being \$50.

Death of Charles Seeman.

Charles Seeman, of this borough, died at Charity Hospital, Norristown, Friday afternoon, aged 35 years. Deceased had been a resident of this borough for some time and was a baker by trade. About ten days ago he was stricken with typhoid fever and taken to the hospital, where death ensued. A wife and several small children survive. The sympathy expressed by the citizens of this borough for the bereaved wife and fatherless children has been of the substantial kind and worthily bestowed. The remains were brought to the late home of the deceased by undertaker Bechtel Friday evening. The funeral was held Monday at 2 p. m., Rev. J. H. Hendricks, D. D., officiating. Interment at Trinity cemetery. Undertaker Bechtel had charge of the remains.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for anyone of Catarrh that cannot be cured by taking Dr. Hall's Catarrh Cure. J. P. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligation made by him by their firm. West & Trux, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. W. A. Walbridge, Kinman & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Dr. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Testimonials free. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth of LaGrange, Ga., suffered six months with a frightful running sore on his leg, but when that Becken's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in five days. For Ulcers, Wounds, Piles, it's the best salve in the world. Write to Geo. A. Snow & Co., Washington, D. C.

County Road Scheme.

The advocates of making the State road, from Norristown to the Bucks line, a county thoroughfare to be macadamized at its expense and kept in repair, will hold another meeting at Penn Square on Tuesday evening, July 5. Meantime the following committee are engaged in the circulation of petitions for signatures: Dr. S. C. Seiple, C. H. Dannehower, H. A. Kriebel, S. D. Drake, R. Royman, William McCann and George Brooks.

Death of an Aged Lady.

Mrs. Rachel Nye, widow of Jonathan Nye, mother of ex-Prothonotary Samuel E. Nye, died on Thursday at her home in Frederick township, in her ninety-eighth year. Her physician stated that death was due to the general breaking down of the system incident to extreme old age. Mrs. Nye kept her own house, a niece and a servant constituting the other members of her family. A son, George Nye, who resided with her, died several years ago. Four children survive her as follows: Jonathan Nye, Trappe; Samuel E., of Norristown; Hannah, wife of John Jacobs, of Frederick; and Isabella, widow of Harrison Small, of Philadelphia.

Hard Times Ahead for Peddlers.

Saturday was the last day to pay mercantile license, and peddlers attempting to sell without a license would be prosecuted under the mercantile peddler's law, while if any should be found with a license they will be arrested for hawking and peddling contrary to law. The merchants of Perkiomen, New Hanover, Douglass and Upper Providence townships have organized for the purpose of effecting what is termed a reform. Their association is known as the Eastern Business Men's League. Constable P. W. Hendricks has been employed as executive officer. The members claim that these four townships are overrun with peddlers, who dispose of inferior goods at prices which they are unable to meet, and that it is time that a war upon peddlers be inaugurated.

An Address With Telling Points.

Miss Jessie Ackerman gave an excellent address at the four o'clock Sunday Y. M. C. A. meeting in their hall, Norristown. Miss Ackerman came by invitation of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Norristown, and the verbal pictures she drew of "Scenes in the Orient" personally observed proved to be vivid and instructive. The following reference to her address was taken from the Norristown Herald, Monday: "Miss Ackerman spoke at length on the present stand taken by the Chinese, attributing it to the continued efforts of other nations in years past to flood the empire with the product of the opium trade. The Chinese Emperor, after making an edict against the importation of opium into his country, and also burning twenty-eight thousand casks of the same product which had been landed on their shores, was forced, after a 4-year bloody war, at the point of the bayonet and at the cannon's mouth, to submit to having two hundred thousand of his people become opium eaters. Ten millions of them die every year. The speaker is universally known, said the fact, that for every one conversion to Christianity brought about by the English missionary, one thousand opium fiends are made by the trade thrust upon them by the same government. The present outbreak is only another effort made to free themselves from a traffic which is poisoning the entire country of China."

Yerkes and Vicinity.

Kathryn D. Gotwals is spending the week in Philadelphia. Elizabeth Gerhart of Philadelphia is visiting at A. J. Ashenfelter's.

Mrs. Christina Favinger is suffering with ulcerated sore throat.

Clarence Favinger, son of D. W. Favinger, is suffering with diptheria.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reid of Roxborough visited J. M. Hendren Sunday.

The Y. W. C. T. U., of Yerkes, will meet at the residence of James Miller, Limerick, on July 7. All are cordially invited to attend.

Susie and Elizabeth Detwiler spent Sunday in Norristown, visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Leander Good visited G. G. Gotwals and family on Sunday.

Trappe and Vicinity.

Joseph T. Miller and his daughter Edith, of Edge Hill, visited friends in this neighborhood Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. P. D. McNeil was taken seriously ill Saturday evening, but she is rapidly improving at this writing.

Edward Keims and wife visited Trappe Sunday.

Miss Pauline Blakely of Philadelphia visited her sister, Mrs. S. G. Fry, over Sunday.

H. U. Wismer and wife visited his sister Mrs. Jacob Custer, in Limerick, Sunday.

At John Gress' recent sale of fresh cows at Spang's Lamb hotel, it is said that Joseph Custer, a prosperous farmer, bought five fine cows with calves.

Mrs. Pamela Yerger is visiting her sister Mrs. Iselt, of Roversford.

Emma Blakely, of Philadelphia, is spending several weeks with her sister Mrs. S. G. Fry.

Mrs. Stetler is slowly improving in health. Her son Alvin and daughter are spending the week with her.

Mrs. J. W. Shambough is confined to her bed with rheumatism, being unable to help herself.

Charles Sands of Norristown visited J. W. Shambough and H. V. Keyser on Sunday.

Samuel Star and E. S. Patterson harvested a very fine crop of rye for J. B. Smoyer.

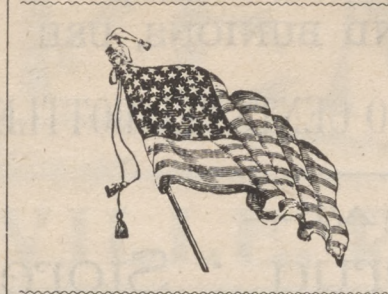
The dedication of the Ziegler'sville U. E. church will take place next Saturday evening, Sunday and Sunday evening. The church has been remodeled and repainted and presents a very handsome appearance.

The regular monthly meeting of the Trappe Temperance Society will be held this (Thursday) evening. It is reported that the Misses Garber and Miss Grace Stetler, of Philadelphia, will favor the occasion with music and recitations, as will also Miss Jessie Royer. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth of LaGrange, Ga., suffered six months with a frightful running sore on his leg, but when that Becken's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in five days. For Ulcers, Wounds, Piles, it's the best salve in the world. Write to Geo. A. Snow & Co., Washington, D. C.

Fourth-of-July, 1900.



As the INDEPENDENT goes to press (a little earlier than usual) Wednesday morning, July 4, indications are not wanting to support the statement that again will the chief holiday of the nation be fittingly observed throughout the land; Collegeville and vicinity included. The national colors are in evidence about town and numerous visitors from Philadelphia, Norristown, and elsewhere, will spend the day with our citizens, and all will unite in making the most of a red-letter day. The program for the demonstration on the part of the Young Men's Club of Evansburg in Mr. Robinson's Collegeville Park at 2 p. m., July 4, has been arranged as follows: Field Sports: Foot races, jumping contests, putting the shot, throwing the hammer, sack and wheelbarrow races, bicycle races, slow and fast, etc. Between 3 and 4 o'clock: Addresses by Rev. A. J. Barrow and Hon. H. C. Boyer. Reading of the Declaration of Independence by the editor of the INDEPENDENT. The Eagleville Band will furnish music during the afternoon.

Written for the Independent.

The Bare-Foot Boy, or, Why Dewey Took Manila.

The day is done: The work that was begun At early morn ends with the setting sun, And I take my staff and wander away Proud as a bare-foot boy a July day!

The bare-foot boy! I envy him his joy: I feel a thrill, no change can e'er destroy. Run through my veins and fire my blood anew When I think of him—as I often do!

..... If only men Could become boys again, And run as we do when we are young, We could steep our feet where the streamlet flows And soak away the corns from all our toes!

Without our shoes, Or socks of fancy hues, Free to the elements as we could choose, Our heads uncrowned, and the ethnic Atlas, What sport had we, bare-foot and hatless!

Brutes of stone— Better than nails ingrown— We bravely endured as wounds of our own: The feet will harden by what they tread on, As appetite grows by what 'tis fed on.

"Oh for an hour Of Old Dundee's power!" The Dope of Venus of Pame-the-flower— Sang the Highlander for old Dandalo On dune and bay, and in the gondola.

A boy to be For such an hour, and free, Would outweigh all the world just now to me— A good long run, or in the sun to bask, And a dive in the creek, is all I ask.

I want no boot To turn my graceful, itching skin; But will my soft, regal, my soles recruit: To Nature's balmy naked toes And give to my aches a Partisan shot.

One hour of sores And swins of early teens And you may have, for me, the Philip-Nay; hold! bare-feet there-for me! ere you may have my share of Porto Rico.

Glorious thought: In that far land blood-bought I'll hie me for the seas and fish uncaught; Lo! I see now where to build my villa: And why it was, Dewey took Manila.

G. M. C.

FROM OAKS.

In place of the regular morning services at Green Tree, on Sunday, Miss Bertha Ryan, lately returned from missionary work in India, spoke, and her address was replete with interest, and very entertaining. Miss Ryan is a graduate of the Mount Morris (Illinois) College, and has been in the mission work in India for six years or more. In introducing herself, she said: We by going to foreign lands, can get a better, a greater appreciation of what the Lord has done for us here. Speaking of the heathen in their worship, she said the earnestness and zeal shown by the heathen could be well adopted by our own people here, and if it were so greater good would obtain in the effort to establish missions in heathen lands. She spoke of Rev. Mr. Stover, who is a most indefatigable worker in the missionary cause, working early and late, resting only when forced to, and she said that great good is accomplished there. Miss Ryan will return to India shortly and resume her work there.

Fairview Village and Vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hoffman and daughter Elizabeth entertained the following guests on Sunday: Mr. H. A. Boorse and wife, Miss Mary L. Goddard, Mr. L. A. Irwin, Mr. McDonald of Ontario, Canada, Messrs. B. N. Hoffman and James Hoffman of Philadelphia.

A serious accident occurred here on Sunday afternoon. While Mr. and Mrs. Havock, of Philadelphia, were out driving the horse became suddenly frightened at some object and a portion of the harness broke and the maddened animal ran away. Mrs. Havock became alarmed and jumped from the vehicle, falling on the roadside with considerable violence. Mr. Havock retained his composure and clung to the reins. He succeeded in guiding the horse to an embankment and in this manner checked the animal, but not before the horse had been and the wagon considerably damaged.

On Saturday afternoon Miss Deborah Rittenbach, who had been from a load of hay, her face striking the barn floor with great violence. The lady was seriously injured.

Mrs. Howard Rodenbough who lives on the Hoffman farm below the village, is said to be slowly improving in health.

Miss Virginia Truckess, one of this year's bright graduates, will take a course in music at the Conservatory of Music, Philadelphia.

Messrs. Kreible, Rothenberger, and Bobb will enter Perkiomen Seminary in the fall.

